

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—A reference has been made by the Home Minister, Government of India, enclosing the Bill that is proposed to be brought before the House just now. I am just considering it.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE *Re: DEMOLITION OF HUTS OF SLUM DWELLERS IN VASANTHNAKAR.*

Sri S. S. ARAKERI (Bellol).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Municipal Administration to demolition of huts of slum dwellers in Vasanthanagar.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, I beg to state that as per the Census List of 1959 the number of slum dwellers residing at Vasanthanagar was 300 families. These families consisted of Harijans and Ex-Servicemen. During the year 1962 the question of rehabilitation of these 300 families was taken up by the City Improvement Trust Board. 136 families consisting of 85 Harijans and 51 Ex-servicemen were allotted sites at Vasanthanagar and subsequently 10 more families were accommodated. In all 146 available sites in Vasanthanagar have been allotted to 146 ex-Servicemen and Harijan families. During the same year 25 Ex-Service men families were allotted sites at Pillana Garden 1st State layout. During 1966 further 69 families of ex-Servicemen and Harijans were allotted sites at Pillana Garden 1st Stage Layout. Another 35 families of Harijans and Ex-Servicemen were allotted sites at Sonnenahalli layout during the same year. In all 275 families out of 300 bona fide slum dwellers of Vasanthanagar as per the 1959 Census have been rehabilitated at Vasanthanagar, Pillana Garden and Sonnenahalli layouts. The cases of the balance 25 families are under consideration for allotment of vacant sites in Sonnenahalli layout.

Apart from the above 300 slum dwellers, as per the details collected by the City Improvement Trust Board Revenue Staff there are about 178 families which have been residing unauthorisedly in Vasanthanagar. Most of these 178 families are living as tenants of some of the above 300 slum dwellers.

In some of the sites in each site nearly 3 to 4 families are residing. As per the recent verification made by the City Improvement Trust Board Revenue Staff only 48 families out of these 178 new families residing at Vasanthanagar are to be declared as bona fide residents of Vasanthanagar as their names are found in the Census list of 1961. The rehabilitation of these 48 families is being considered by the City Improvement Trust Board. To rehabilitate these slum dwellers they have been allotted sites in different layouts like Pillana Garden, Sonnenahalli and Vasanthanagar. Action had to be taken to shift such of those people who are allotted sites at Sonnenahalli and Pillana Garden layouts to make room for allottees

at Vasanthanagar. The process of shifting them started during January 1967. After issuing notices and giving necessary time as required by the slum-dwellers, shifting was done very gradually as and when the slum dwellers voluntarily made up their mind to vacate and shift to the new sites allotted to them. Only those slum dwellers who have been allotted alternate sites as stated above are made to shift. Other bona fide dwellers who have not yet made up their mind and who have not yet been allotted sites elsewhere are not disturbed. So far 79 ex-servicemen and Harijans have been shifted to Pillana Garden and Sonnenahalli layouts since these 6 months. Another 75 families have to be shifted. As it is raining since two weeks, shifting and demolition of huts has been suspended. Only the huts of one or two families who voluntarily vacated their huts have been demolished during this period. The slum-dwellers to be shifted elsewhere have been sympathetically treated by the City Improvement Trust Board all along. As a special case for those dwellers that are shifting to other layouts where sites have been allotted, facilities such as conveyance and help of gangmen are provided for shifting their household and building materials to their new destination. The City Improvement Trust Board has been very generous in giving temporary possession of sites at Pillana Garden to these hut dwellers pending payment of full value of sites on a future date. No force or coercive method whatsoever has been adopted in demolishing these huts. Only after the dweller vacates, the household materials are shifted with the assistance of the City Improvement Trust Board demolition work is taken up. Hence, there is no harassment to the dwellers by the City Improvement Trust Board in any manner.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Information and Publicity).—Sir, on behalf of the Chief Minister, I beg to lay on the Table :

“ Notification No. CI 8 CAD 65, dated 16th May 1967 relating to the Amendment to the Mysore Silkworm Seed and Cocoon (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Rules, 1960 as required by sub-section (3) of section 18 of the Mysore Silk Worm Seed and Cocoon Act, 1959.”

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Notification is laid on the table.

Sri H. C. BORAIYAH (Deputy Minister for Transport and Tourism).—Sir, I beg to lay:

“(a) Notification No. HD 192 TMI 66, dated 24th May 1967 relating to Transport of Bamboos from Mysore Forests by Kerala Lorries, as required under section 133 (3) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.